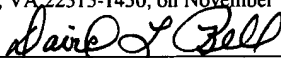


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In the SPECIFICATION, Column 1, Line 13, please add --This patent application is also a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application 10/013,816, filed 10/19/01.--

In the SPECIFICATION, Column 3, Line 11, the phrase "Some placers use nin-cut bipartitioning. This technique" should read --Some placers use min-cut bipartitioning. This technique--

In the CLAIMS, Column 34, Line 51, Claim 4, the phrase "length the method further comprising:" should read --length, the method further comprising:--

In the CLAIMS, Column 34, Line 53, Claim 4, the phrase "for each set of potential sub-regions, storing the bend" should read --for each set of sub-regions, storing the bend--

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